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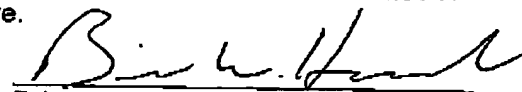
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 28, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Request for three-month Extension, with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to May 30, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.